

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container from a packaging material characterized by comprising:

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- (a) ~~a cap attachment step of~~ attaching a cap onto a cap attachment portion of the a packaging material ~~before being subjected to forming;~~
 - (b) then ~~a forming step of~~ forming the packaging material, on which the cap has been attached, into a predetermined shape; and
 - (c) ~~a charging step of~~ charging a liquid food into the formed packaging material.

11. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10, wherein:

- (a) the packaging material is in sheet form ~~has a web-like shape~~ before being subjected to forming; and
- (b) the packaging material on which the cap has been attached is formed into a tubular shape.

12. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10, wherein:

- (a) the cap includes ~~has~~ a collar ~~portion~~ and a lid which is seated on the collar in ~~portion~~

and can be brought into an opened state and a closed state; and

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step (a) ~~(b)~~ the cap attachment step includes the steps of:

fixing the cap onto the packaging material;

unseating the lid from the collar to open the cap;

~~bringing the cap into an opened state;~~

punching a hole in an area of the packaging material surrounded by the collar;

welding an inner tape onto a reverse surface area of the packaging material around the hole and a pull tab onto an outer surface area of the packaging material around the hole in order to cover the hole ~~an area surrounded by the collar portion;~~ and

welding together the inner tape and the pull tab in the area of the hole to thereby form a rupture portion ; and

~~fitting the lid portion into the collar portion .~~

13. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10, wherein;

(a) the cap includes ~~has~~ a collar ~~portion;~~ and

~~(b) the cap attachment step (a) includes the steps of:~~

punching a hole in an area of the packaging material surrounded by the collar;

welding an inner tape onto a reverse surface of an area of the packaging material around the hole and a pull tab onto an outer surface of an area of the packaging material around the hole in order to cover the hole ~~an area surrounded by the collar portion;~~ and

welding together the inner tape and the pull tab through the hole to thereby form a rupture

portion.

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(14. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10,
wherein;

(a) a thin wall portion is preformed ~~formed in advance~~ in the packaging material prior
~~before the packaging material is subjected to forming the packaging container;~~

(b) the cap includes ~~has~~ a collar ~~portion~~ and a lid which is seated on the collar in ~~portion~~
~~and can be brought into an opened state and a closed state; and~~

(c) ~~the cap attachment step (a) includes the steps of:~~
fixing the cap onto the packaging material with the collar surrounding ~~such that the cap~~
~~faces~~ the thin wall portion;

unseating the lid from the collar to open ~~bringing the cap into an opened state; and~~
welding a pull tab onto an outer surface area of the packaging material in order to cover
an area surrounded by the collar portion ~~; and~~
~~fitting the lid portion into the collar portion .~~

15. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10,
wherein;

(a) a thin wall portion is preformed ~~formed in advance~~ in the packaging material before
the packaging material is subjected to forming;

(b) the cap includes ~~has~~ a collar ~~portion~~; and

(c) ~~the cap attachment step (a) includes the steps of:~~

fixing the cap onto the packaging material with the collar surrounding ~~such that the cap~~
faces the thin wall portion; and

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By welding a pull tab onto an outer surface of the packaging material in order to cover an
area surrounded by the collar portion.

16. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10; ;
wherein (a) the cap includes ~~has~~ a lip; and

wherein (b) ~~the cap attachment~~ step (a) includes ~~the steps of~~:

punching a hole in the packaging material; and

welding an inner tape onto a reverse surface of the packaging material and
covering the hole and welding a lip onto an outer surface of the packaging material via a
pull tab, said lip at least partially surrounding the hole, and at the same time welding
together the inner tape and the pull tab through the hole to thereby form a rupture portion.

17. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 10
wherein the cap includes a lip and wherein step a includes: ~~characterized by comprising the steps~~
of:

(a) fixing a lip onto a packaging material;

(b) forming a discharge opening portion within an area of the packaging material ~~in~~ at
least partially surrounded by the lip; and

(c) bonding a pull tab to the outer surface of the packaging material ~~in order~~ to cover the
discharge opening portion.

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18. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a packaging container according to claim 17,
further comprising bonding wherein an inner tape is bonded to the reverse surface of the
packaging material to cover the discharge opening portion.
